

Outreach

ATTENTION: FIREWOOD DEALERS

FIREWOOD ALERT Help Stop the Spread of Invasive Species
DON'T BUNDLE BAD BUGS!



Don't:

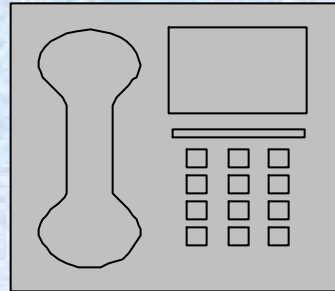
- Move firewood from quarantine areas unless accompanied by a USDA certificate, sticker or stamp
- Move firewood out of quarantine areas without proper certification is **PUNISHABLE BY LAW!**

Do:

- Check quarantines signs for the most up-to-date quarantine information
- Check the USDA or USDA with questions about invasive species and firewood regulations

Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Plant Protection Division, Forest Pest Hotline
651-297-6484 (toll-free) or 800-555-6884 (toll-free)
TTY: 651-297-6484

USDA, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service
Forest Protection and Quarantine
875-553-1456



Don't Transport Firewood!

If you carry firewood from one location to another, you may be introducing invasive insect species and tree pests.

Invasive species and tree diseases can devastate our forests!



Here's how you can protect our forests –

http://www.mda.state.mn.us/invasives/firewood/dont_transport.htm



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Campers and vacationers urged not to transport firewood
Firewood spreads invasive pests that can devastate forests
ST. PAUL, Minn. – Going camping or to the cabin this summer?

**Interagency
Firewood
Group**

What Do You Think?

- Do you think firewood dealers should be licensed by the State of Minnesota?
- What licensing time period is appropriate?
- Should a state law licensing firewood dealers pre-empt, or not allow, any other local unit of government to issue their own license for firewood dealers?
- Should current proof of financial responsibility be required?
- How much license fee is appropriate?
- Fees may be adjusted if graduated by size of company, with larger companies paying a larger fee. Do you think this is a good idea?
- If yes, should company size be measured by gross sales? Other?
- Do you think that it is a good idea for the state to require that all firewood sold be labeled with its origin?
- For firewood that originates outside Minnesota, do you support regulations requiring kiln drying, at a specified time and temperature?
- For firewood that originates outside Minnesota, do you support regulations requiring specific storage conditions and storage time?
- What about kiln drying and storage requirements for firewood that originates within Minnesota?
- Do you think that an exterior quarantine prohibiting hardwood firewood from entering Minnesota is a good idea? This type of quarantine would ban all firewood originating from outside Minnesota.